

Scout Troop Displays New Camp Outfits

Boy Scouts of Troop 721, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Harry M. Marshall, displayed new equipment making them one of the best-outfitted troops in this area when they played host to 62 parents and friends at Lomita Park last Saturday.

Jobie Moms Accompany Gals to Crestline Camp

Five members of the Mothers Club of Job's Daughters, Bethel 50, accompanied the girls to camp at Crestline last week. Enjoying the outing were Mesdames Ed

Joseph Piatt Claims Bride This Morning

Nuptial knot joining Joseph Piatt of Torrance and Miss Mary Lou Mehrens will be tied today at morning mass at St. Peter's Church in the bride-to-be's hometown, Anaconda, Mont. Following a wedding trip through Montana, Washington, and the Pacific Coast, the new Mr. and Mrs. will be at home at 21100 S. Harvard Blvd. The benedict-elect, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Piatt, was educated at DePaul and Northwestern Universities, and is now employed at a local furniture store. Miss Mehrens, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mehrens of Anaconda, attended Anaconda and Butte schools. She is presently employed at North American Aviation in Inglewood.

Thayne, temple guardian; Leonard Babcock; George Crabtree; John Wright; and Richard Soule. Nearly 40 girls participated in the activity.



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TAKES VACATION . . . Mrs. Lesley (Theresa Russell) Denton and her husband, who recently married, now are visiting his parents in Winnipeg, Can. They left Saturday and will spend about a month across the border before returning to their 1319 Crenshaw Blvd. home. Mrs. Denton is a realtor at the Torrance Blvd. offices of Howard Percy.

"Cancioneros" Hold Tryouts Next Thursday

Los Cancioneros, Hollywood Riviera choral group, will hold tryouts for prospective new members next Thursday evening, Aug. 27, at 209 Via Colusa, Hollywood Riviera, Mrs. Raymond Hole, publicity chairman, announced this week.

Selection will be made on the basis of sight reading, choral experience, ability to blend, and general membership requirements, she said. The mixed chorus will open its fourth season on Sept. 1, when regular Tuesday evening rehearsals, held in El Retiro Park building, Hollywood Riviera, will be resumed at 8 o'clock. Interested persons unable to attend the scheduled tryouts may be interviewed at this meeting. Tryout appointments or further information about the chorus may be obtained by calling the director, Barbara Martin, at Frontier 5-9635.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

BY AGNES BOLTER

SIERRA SIESTA . . . Mr. and Mrs. George E. Baer and daughter, Marilyn, 1308, Cota Ave., took advantage of vacation time recently, spending two weeks in the Mammoth Lake region of the High Sierras. Making their headquarters at Lake Mary, the trio enjoyed fishing, hiking and mostly just relaxing from the cares of the workaday world.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS . . . Perry Smith, whose wife, Kay, is receptionist and classified ad saleswoman at the Herald, pulled the boner of the day last Sunday when the office staff gathered at the Post Ave. home of the publisher, Mrs. Grover C. Whyte, to honor Miss Lute Fraser on completing 30 years of service with the paper. Otherwise occupied when the honoree opened the box containing a white orchid corsage which Mrs. Whyte presented her upon her arrival, Perry came up considerably later and said, "Let me see the watch" — a good 10 minutes before Lute received the gift. Perry slipped away, exclaiming "ouch," when he realized he had given away the well-kept secret. Discovery of his faux pas later delighted the staff and dismayed the trouser and tie set. Who said men can't keep secrets better than women!

HAPPY HUNTINGTON! . . . Vacationing at Huntington Lake this week are Mrs. Carl (Ethel) Small, second grade teacher at North Torrance Elementary School, her husband, and family. Meanwhile, OFF TO OREGON are the school principal, Donald Robison and his wife. The Robisons are camping out this trip.

ALOHA . . . That's the catchword of Misses Eileen and Dorothy Whiting, daughters of the George Whiting, 1719 Arlington Ave., these days. The two girls, both THIS graduates, are leaving a summer to sing about in Hawaii. They flew across the Pacific last Thursday evening and plan to stay in hula hula land until Sunday, Aug. 30. Dorothy formerly was employed as office clerk at Torrance Memorial Hospital, sister Eileen works at MGM studio.

SADDER STORY . . . Before the Whiting girls return, their brother, George Whiting, will be saying goodbye to Torrance and hello to the Air Force. In the Reserves while attending the University of California, from which he was graduated last June, George will leave for active service at Parks Air Force Base, near San Francisco, next Wednesday, Aug. 26. When he completes training there, he will be transferred to Marana Air Base in Arizona. A former student body president of Torrance High School, George was a cadet colonel in the Air Force ROTC at UC and was awarded the Air Force Association Silver Medal for being the outstanding cadet of the year.

SWITCHEROO . . . Miss Nell Colburn, chairman of Torrance Branch, YWCA, found the shoe on the other foot these past two weeks. Instead of planning activities for girls and women, she spent a busy 14 days entertaining her seven-year-old nephew, Scott Colburn of San Diego, at her 1629 1/2 Anapola Ave. home. The boy's parents, Nell's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Colburn, arrived last week-end to take him home. Nell hasn't said if she's planning to switch from YWCA to YMCA work after the "vacation" with a small boy, but we seriously doubt it!

SUNBURN SPECIAL . . . Ma-na Gloria and the kids, Timmy, Danny, Donny, and Shelley had a fine time at Crestline last week but dad Jack Baldwin, Herald managing editor, was a sad sack during most of the vacation. Overlong exposure in the sun gave him second degree burns on both legs; result was

swollen, painful limbs which kept him fretting in a chair while the rest of the family were active in vacation sports. Jack felt doubly injured because Gloria was sunning even longer and "she didn't even get a mark."

SAN DIEGO SUN . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elles Cook and children, Carol and Bobby, 1405 Crenshaw Blvd., and her mother, Mrs. Emma Burrows of Alhambra, spent last week-end at San Diego. Highlights of the vacation were a visit to the zoo and a day at the races in Caliente, Mexico.

CO-OP NURSERY LEADERS PLAN SEPT. 14 OPENING . . . Plans for the re-opening on Sept. 14 of Torrance Co-operative Nursery School were outlined last Monday night when the board of directors met at the 1220 Maple Ave. home of Mrs. Ralph Schmidt.

CATHOLIC CLUBS PLAN SHOWER . . . On Sunday's social slate for Nativity Catholic Church parishioners is a linen and kitchen shower for the new addition to the rectory.

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Parents of Local Woman Honored at Family Fete

Seventy years of wedded happiness were occasion last Sunday for a celebration honoring Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Schmidt of North Hollywood, parents of Mrs. D. A. Murphy, 1308 Greenwood Ave.

Family members presenting the honored couple with a money tree and personal gifts were their daughters and sons-in-law, Messrs. and Mesdames Jimmy Allan of Burbank and D. A. Murphy, residents of Torrance for 18 years; sons and daughters-in-law Messrs. and Mrs. Gene Schmidt of Glendale and Joe Schmidt of Los Angeles; a son, Al Schmidt of North Hollywood; and grandchildren, Barbara and Eddie Allan and Jim and Bill Murphy.

A friend who is visiting the Schmidts from Ventura, Elizabeth Spangler, also was on hand for the celebration.

Torrance Park Scene of PTA Meet Friday

In preparation for the opening of school and renewed PTA activities, officers and newly-appointed chairmen of Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA will meet at Torrance Park tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock, with Mrs. Michael Foxhaven, president, presiding.

Ratification of new chairmen will highlight the business agenda. Theme of the session will be "get acquainted" in order to promote a closer relationship among officers and chairmen who will head the various divisions of Council activities for the coming year. A pot-luck luncheon will follow the business hour.

Local Playgoers To View Top Romantic Comedy Soon

Local playgoers will have an opportunity to see Broadway's top romantic comedy of last season, "The Time of the Cuckoo," during its three-week engagement at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, beginning Sept. 7.

The bitter-sweet comedy, with Mary Astor in the starring role, deals with the dilemma of a lovable spinster approaching 40 who meets unconventional romance in a Venetian garden. Dino DiLuca, whose acting style has been compared to that of Enzo Pinza, will be introduced opposite Miss Astor.

Others in the New York company are Douglas Watson, who appeared with Olivia de Havilland in "Romeo and Juliet"; Lydia St. Clair, Janet de Gore, Lois Holmes, Carol Gustafson, and a 10-year-old veteran from "South Pacific," Jose Perez. Beneath a facade of laughter, the controversial theme of "The Time of the Cuckoo" is the differing attitudes toward sex held by Americans and Italians. During its engagement at the famed Central City Festival in Colorado the play broke attendance records set previously by the engagements of Katherine Cornell and Helen Hayes.

Harold Clurman directed, and the producers are Robert Whitehead and Walter Fried, who sponsored "The Member of the Wedding" and "Death of a Salesman," respectively. "Cuckoo" will be the second attraction of the local Theatre Guild-American Theatre Society's 1953-54 subscription series, under the auspices of the Council of the Lytting Theatre.

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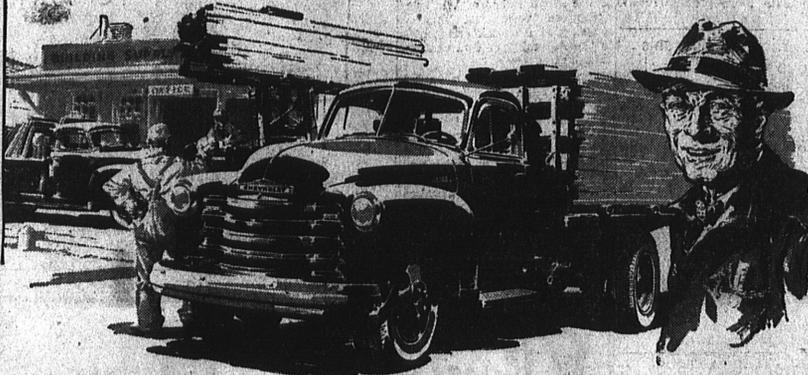
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